

## BEN HILL COUNTY, GA

Information based on Congressional Districts of the 106th U.S. Congress, 1997

|  | 1997      | 1992    | 1987    |
|--|-----------|---------|---------|
| <b>Farms</b>   |           |         |         |
| Number   | 159       | 183     | 195     |
| Acreage  | 53,325    | 47,071  | 57,533  |
| Average size (acres)                                 | 335       | 257     | 295     |
| Median size (acres)                                  | 116       | N       | N       |
| <b>Estimated market value average per farm</b>       |           |         |         |
| Land/buildings (dollars)                             | 360,895   | 281,250 | 219,154 |
| Machinery/equip (dollars)                            | 50,809    | 49,062  | 39,359  |
| <b>Cropland (acres)</b>                              |           |         |         |
| Total  | 33,986    | 34,144  | 33,282  |
| Harvested  | 27,004    | 25,213  | 21,250  |
| Irrigated  | 9,830     | 7,238   | 7,097   |
| <b>Agricultural products sold - market value</b>     |           |         |         |
| (\$1,000)  | 16,381    | 14,243  | 11,038  |
| (dollars avg. per farm)                              | 103,025   | 77,832  | 56,604  |
| <b>Agricultural sales - Net cash return per farm</b> |           |         |         |
| (dollars average)                                    | 23,924    | 19,205  | 16,646  |
| <b>Livestock inventory (number)</b>                  |           |         |         |
| Cattle and calves                                    | 4,286     | 4,703   | 6,119   |
| Beef cows  | D         | D       | D       |
| Milk cows  | D         | D       | D       |
| Hogs and pigs  | 1,047     | 6,001   | 3,854   |
| Sheep and lambs                                      | 0         | D       | 0       |
| Layers 13 wks or older                               | D         | 0       | 102     |
| Broilers and chicken (sold)                          | 1,334,000 | 0       | 0       |
| <b>Harvested commodities (acres)</b>                 |           |         |         |
| Com, grain or seed                                   | 7,578     | 9,238   | 6,906   |
| Com, silage or green chop                            | N         | N       | N       |
| Sorghum, grain or seed                               | N         | N       | N       |
| Wheat  | 398       | 274     | 262     |
| Barley   | N         | N       | N       |
| Oats   | N         | N       | N       |
| Rice   | N         | N       | N       |
| Sunflower seed                                       | N         | N       | N       |
| Cotton   | 8,837     | 2,614   | D       |
| Tobacco  | 338       | 404     | 446     |
| Soybeans   | 578       | 953     | 2,304   |
| Dry edible beans, excl lima                          | N         | N       | N       |
| Potatoes, excl sweet potatoes                        | N         | N       | N       |
| Sugar beets for sugar                                | N         | N       | N       |
| Sugarcane for sugar                                  | N         | N       | N       |
| Peanuts for nuts                                     | 7,182     | 8,989   | 8,112   |
| Hay-alfalfa  | 1,332     | 1,365   | 1,261   |
| <b>Vegetables</b>                                    |           |         |         |
| Number of farms                                      | N         | N       | N       |
| Acreage  | N         | N       | N       |

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| Orchards        |      |      |      |
| Number of farms | N    | N    | N    |
| Acreage         | N    | N    | N    |

Abbreviations/footnotes:

N represents zero.

0 represents an insignificant amount.

D-W withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual farms.

Source: USDA, NASS, 1997 Census of Agriculture